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Amend. In Resp. to Off. Action of Sept. 21, 2009

UTILITY PATENT

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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended, and Claims 3-5 and 9 have been canceled. Currently pending in the application therefore are Claims 1-2, 6-8 and 10-12.


The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Publication No. 2002-107143 ("Narisawa"). In addition, the Examiner rejected Claim 6 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Narisawa in view of US Patent No. 2,408,589 ("Wells"). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has noted that Claim 5 includes allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter of Claims 3 and 5, thus rendering moot the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-2, 6-8 and 10-12 are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

No fee is believed due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

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